

Free Digital and Print Content Distribution

Nationwide Federal Depository Library Program

FDLP Mission
To provide free,
ready, and
permanent
public access
to Federal
Government
information,
now and for
future
generations.

Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP)

The FDLP is a network of designated libraries that agree to maintain and provide free public access to Federal Government information products.

It was established by Congress to ensure that the American public has access to its Government's information (Title 44, United States Code, Chapter 19).

The FDLP is based upon these three principles:

- Federal Government information products within scope of the FDLP shall be made available to Federal depository libraries.
- Federal depository libraries shall be located in each State and U.S. Congressional District to make Government information products more widely available.
- Federal Government information in all media shall be available for the free use by the general public.

Public Access Requirements

Congress established the FDLP to ensure that the public has access to Federal Government information of public interest or educational value.

- The Program provides Federal Government information products at no cost to designated depository libraries.
- Depository libraries, in turn, provide local, no-fee public access in an impartial environment with professional assistance to information produced by the Federal Government.

GPO and FDLP Resources

- [govinfo.gov](https://www.govinfo.gov) – will replace FDsys; now in beta
<https://www.govinfo.gov>
- **CGP – GPO's Catalog of U.S. Government Publications**
<https://catalog.gpo.gov>
- **Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government**
<https://bensguide.gpo.gov>
- **U.S. Government Bookstore**
<https://bookstore.gpo.gov>

GPO Access Law

- *Government Printing Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of 1993* enacted (Public Law 103-40)
- GPO Access service launched; available by subscription, free to depositories (1994)
- GPO Access free to all users (1995)
- **GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys)**
- FDsys launched (2009)
- GPO Access retired (2012)
- FDsys has over 50 collections from all three branches of the Federal Government
- govinfo.gov beta launch (2016)

Agencies required to notify

- Print through GPO
- Print through other vendors
- Publish online only

Enhanced publishing services for about 20,000 titles each year

- We provide for **permanent access** to all Agency publications.
- We **partner** with 1,150+ major libraries in every Congressional District that commit to **helping the public** discover publications.
- We **catalog** the publications so they are easier to find.
- We **exchange** the publications with other countries.
- We **disseminate** the publications as directed by Congress (By-law).

Depository libraries ...

- Ensure the American public has no-fee access to its Government's information
- Assist library patrons in finding and using Federal Government information
- Provide increased visibility of Government publications, from which agencies benefit
- Offer no cost to the Agency for FDLP copies when printing is handled through GPO

GPO's Simplified Purchase Agreement (SPA) Program and Regional Print Jobs

Important to remember ...

- When using these procurement methods, submit the [SF-1](#) or [Work Order Form 4044](#) and/or [GPO Form 3868](#) (Notification of Intent to Publish) to IntentToPublish@gpo.gov PRIOR to submitting job to the contractor or Regional PPO
- Submit rider request to IntentToPublish@gpo.gov

Resources

- [Circular Letter No. 794](#)
- [Standard Form 1](#) (SF-1) Printing and Binding Requisition
- [GPO Form 3868](#) Notification of Intent to Publish
- Form submission email address IntentToPublish@gpo.gov

Government Information Products **In-Scope** of the FDLP

- Publications that are educational and/or of interest to the American public.

Examples (not a comprehensive list):

- eBooks: epub or .mobi
- Handbooks, manuals, and guides
- Circulars that are advisory in nature
- Proceedings of symposia, public meetings, workshops, conferences, hearings
- Maps, atlases, charts
- Journals, periodicals, and newspapers
- Environmental impact statements and assessments
- Legal material, including laws and decisions
- Flyers, brochures, booklets, and pamphlets
- Reports (one-time and recurring)

Refer to [Circular Letter No. 794](#), dated Oct. 19, 2010 for more detailed information

Government Information Products **Out-of-Scope** of the FDLP

Publications that are:

- Strictly for administrative/internal use (operational purposes)
- Copyright restricted
- Published with non-Federal funds
- Deemed restricted, sensitive, or classified
- Contains personally identifiable information (PII)
- Any publications having no educational value (bumper, stickers, stationary, and signs, e.g., "wet paint")

Document Discovery Program

GPO helps make online publications more visible, usable, and accessible, without cost to your agency. Knowledgeable and service-oriented information experts help you meet your responsibilities to inform the public and keep your information secure and available 24/7.

Benefits of GPO's Document Discovery program.

- **Free Distribution** - program funded by Congress to keep America informed
- **Discoverability** - global permanent public access
- **Compliance** - under the Depository Library Act
- **Enhancement** - additional access point through GPO's catalog
- **Searchability** - open and transparent access through computer search engines
- **Preservation** - a permanent link to each publication to safeguard future
- **Access** - globally through the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications
- **Libraries and the general public** - information experts at over 1,000 libraries nationwide guiding the public to Government publications

Go to [here](#) for options to submit Government information products:

- Use the [Document Discovery form](#) or submit a request to docdiscovery@gpo.gov. **We accept all file extensions.**

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